MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Certain amendments have been proposed to these definitions and they are under consideration.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I am putting questions on the information supplied to me. According to definition No. (ii), is he a Travancorean or is he not?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer:

"That place is properly the domicile of a person in which he has voluntarily fixed the habitation of himself and his family, not for a mere special and temporary purpose but with a permanent intention of making it his permanent home unless and until some thing which is unexpected or uncertain, shall occur to induce him to adopt some other permanent home."

That is the definition, and the answer to the supplementary question is contained in that definition itself.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know what exactly is the test to determine whether a man has a permanent intention of making Travancore his permanent home or not?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The definition is not ample, and so, it is proposed to amend it.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): It is stated in the answer: "The amendment to the definition of 'domicile' is engaging the attention of Government". May I know whether any particular amendment is engaging the attention of Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The definition is proposed to be amended. There are certain amendments before the Government.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): It is stated "*The* amendment" etc..... What is *the* amendment referred to?

MR R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I do not refer to any particular amendment.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Do you mean "*An* amendment"?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The Member may take it to mean "*An* amendment".

Enquiry under Section 33 of the Ezhava Regulation.

335. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the unsatisfactory nature of the enquiry made by the Revenue Officers in respect of applications for exemption received by the Government under Section 33 of the Ezhava Regulation?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to depute a special officer to conduct these enquiries and issue a satisfactory set of rules for his guidance?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government do not consider the enquiries made so far to be unsatisfactory. Under Section 33 of the Regulation, the enquiry has only to

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be summary and directed towards ascertaining the truth of the applications.

(*b*) This matter is already engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In respect of how many applications has the enquiry been completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About 164 applications have been enquired into and reports on those applications have been sent up to the Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In answer to part (*a*) of the question it is stated "the enquiry has only to be summary and directed towards ascertaining the *truth* of the applications". May I know whether by the word '*truth*' the genuineness of the applications themselves is meant or the genuineness of the statements contained in them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I rely on the language of the Section in the Regulation. The answer is only a quotation of the Section of the Regulation passed by this Council.

Breaches in the Tovala Channel.

336. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many times, within the last ten years, breaches have occurred in the Tovala Channel, and also what the total expenditure incurred within that period was, for closing such breaches in the channel?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About 40 breaches are reported to have occurred during the last ten years in the Tovala channel and an expenditure of Rs. 17,609 was incurred in closing them.

Kist months in Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara Taluks.

337. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of the fact that the cultivators of land in the Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara taluks have very little income from land during the months of Vrischikam and Dhanu, will the Government be pleased to shift the instalments of land tax payable during those months to the months of Makaram and Kumbham when they get a larger income from the land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question of changing the months fixed for the payment of *kist* for the Kanni crop formed the subject of an interpellation by the Member for the Karunagapalli constituency at the session of the Legislative Council held in Karkatakam 1098. As the result of the enquiry conducted thereon, G. O. Dis. No. 417/24, Revenue, dated the 28th March 1924, was issued sanctioning the *kist* months for the Kanni crop being altered from Tulam and Vrischikam to Vrischikam and Dhanu, as a tentative measure for two years from 1100, in so far as the taluks of the Quilon Revenue Division are concerned. The working of the above tentative

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